

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2011-516-W

UTILITIES SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN UTILITIES SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. AND STARR-IVA WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (USSC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of a Water Supply Agreement by and between USSC and Starr-Iva Water and Sewer District, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina (Starr-Iva). The Company provides water supply service to an area located off of Highway 184 at the Abbeville County, South Carolina line known as the Purdy Shores Subdivision. Starr-Iva operates a water treatment and distribution system located in Anderson County at or near the Purdy Shores Subdivision. The Application was filed pursuant to Title 58, Chapter 5 of the South Carolina Code and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-743.

USSC is a public utility, as defined by S. C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(4), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates authorized by Commission Order No. 2008-269 issued April 25, 2008 in Docket No. 2007-286-WS. USSC and Starr-Iva have negotiated an agreement whereby Starr-Iva will provide potable water service to USSC at a point at or near the Purdy Shores Subdivision located on Highway 184 at the Abbeville County line for distribution to USSC's customers and the interconnection has been placed into service. According to the Agreement between Starr-Iva and USSC, Starr-Iva agrees to supply potable water service to USSC at the following initial rate: \$50.25 per month for the first 8,000 gallons of water and \$5.75 per thousand gallons thereafter, which is based on water service provided through a two-inch water meter. In connection with the Water Supply Agreement, the Company has paid Starr-Iva \$10,738.00 for engineering, permitting, construction and inspection of the Purdy Shores potable water connection. USSC seeks an order from the Commission authorizing the Company to record these costs as utility plant in service additions, subject to review and audit by the Office of Regulatory Staff in the Company's next rate proceeding.

The Application reveals that the ground water at the two production wells which serve the Purdy Shores Subdivision contain significant amounts of iron in addition to radioactive source water. USSC asserts that approval of the water supply agreement with Starr-Iva will prevent future accumulation of iron sediment in the Company's mains and eliminate the need for costly radiation removal. According to the Application, upon approval of the Water Supply Agreement, USSC will provide service to the Purdy Shores Subdivision located on Highway 184 at the Abbeville County line pursuant to all of the relevant terms, conditions, rates and charges set forth in its rate schedule as may be on file with the Commission and in effect from time to time.

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **January 30, 2012**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-516-W.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and Scott Elliott, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **January 30, 2012**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-516-W.***

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below on or before **January 30, 2012**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-516-W.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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